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SUBJECT: PRESS GIVES BROAD COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR'S SAN FRANCISCO
SPEECH, OMITTING HUMAN RIGHTS REFERENCES

BEGIN SUMMARY: KOREAN PRESS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO
AMBASSADOR SNEIDER'S ADDRESS TO SAN FRANCISCO'S COMMONWEALTH
CLUB ON JULY 30 WITH VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS OFFERING EITHER
SUMMARIES OR EXCERPTS IN EXTENSIVE DETAIL. TO DATE, PRESS HAS
OFFERED NO EDITORIAL COMMENT AND WITH EXCEPTION OF ENGLISH
LANGUAGE KOREA HERALD WHICH QUOTED FROM HAPDONG REPORT, HAS
NOT PRINTED NOR REFERENCED HUMAN RIGHTS DISCUSSION CONTAINED
IN LAST PORTION OF SPEECH. OFFICIAL SEOUL SINMUN PRINTED
HEAVILY EDITED TEXT OF SPEECH WHICH NEWSPAPER SAID WAS "FULL
TEXT." END SUMMARY.

1. ON WEEKEND OF JULY 31, KOREAN PRESS GAVE PROMINENT FRONT PAGE
COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER'S ADDRESS TO SAN FRANCISCO
COMMONWEALTH CLUB, DEVOTING IN MOST CASES, SEVERAL COLUMNS TO
STORY. GENERALLY, HEADLINES PLAYED UP NORTH KOREAN THREAT SO
SOUTH KOREA WITH OFFICIAL SEOUL SINMUN, FOR EXAMPLE, SAYING
"KOREA IN POTENTIAL DANGER" AND "HIGHEST ALERT ESSENTIAL."
CHUNGANG ILBO GAVE EXCERPTS OF SPEECH UNDER HEADLINE "ANOTHER
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KOREAN WAR WILL CAUSE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT."

2. INDEPENDENT TONGA ILBO SUMMARIZED SPEECH IN ADDITION TO ITS BANNER COVERAGE AND CHUNGANG ILBO AND KYUNGHYANG SINMUN PRINTED EXCERPTS FROM TEXT. IN LATTER CASE, NEWSPAPER QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT. OTHERS REFERRED TO HAPDONG NEWS SERVICE COVERAGE OF STORY IN SOME DETAIL. PRESS REPORTS AND EXCERPTS CARRIED MAJOR ELEMENT IN SPEECH WITH SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION THAT NO NEWSPAPER SAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA HERALD MADE REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH KOREA.

3. GOVERNMENT'S SEOUL SINMUN INDICATED IT WAS PRINTING FULL TEXT OF SPEECH IN TRANSLATION (IN TWO SEPARATE EDITIONS) BUT IN FACT ALL PORTIONS OF TEXT REFERRING TO HUMAN RIGHTS WERE OMITTED. FROM THAT PORTION OF SPEECH (AS CARRIED BY USIS WIRELESS FILE) BEGINNING "BUT OUR DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM CAME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO KOREANS" THROUGH PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH ENDING "WE MUST CONTINUE TO EVIDENCE OUR CONCERN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BASIC HUMAN VALUES BUT FEZ SHORT PHRASES REMAIN. ONLY PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS QUOTED BY AMBASSADOR AND BEARING DIRECTLY ON THREATS TO US, JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREAN SECURITY WERE LEFT UNTOUCHED.

4. SEOUL SINMUN ALSO OMITTED VARIOUS OTHER PHRASES THROUGHOUT TEXT, THE MOST NOTEWORTHY PERHAPS BEING ONE REFERRING TO NO "IMMEDIATE LIKELIHOOD OF NORTH KOREAN MILITARY INITIATIVES." SPEECH WITH SEOUL SINMUN'S EXCISIONS NOTED AND UNDERLINED WILL BE POUCHED.

5. TO DATE, DESPITE PROMINENCE ACCORDED IT, THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SPEECH, NOR HAVE ROKS VOLUNTEERED PRIVATE COMMENT.
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